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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND RECORD OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

Sir.

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed 9/15/2004, and in consideration of the comments presented during the Interview that was conducted on 1/25/2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.